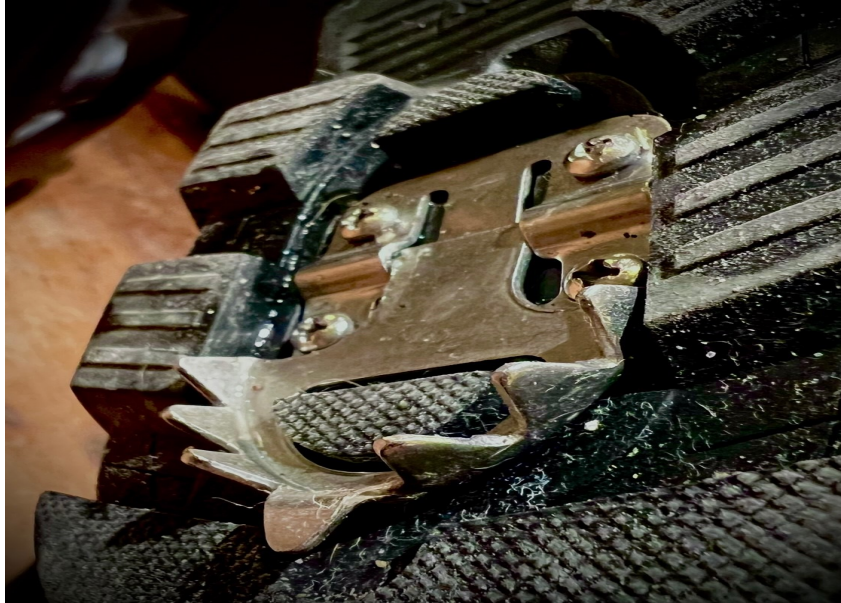


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B - E Friends



2023?! Don't know. Never been there.

2023 might be the most amazing year ever. It might be about what we are used to. Who knows.

2023 might be a year of big changes. Discussions between our congregations and Svea may lead to partnership and a full time pastor. It might not. Who knows. And now for something completely different:

I needed new winter boots, so I found ones with drop down stainless steel teeth—just in case. Haven't use them yet, but nice to know they are there ready to grip the ice if needed. Back to the subject:

I have belonged to 23 different congregations through the years. And even though it wasn't always perfect I came to know so many different people, wonderful people—like you. Change has been a great gift.

I don't know if 2023 will bring change or be about the same. But I know, and you know, we are in such excellent hands. 2023? Don't know. Never been there. But all is well and all will be well.

Plenty to Celebrate and no shortage of people to Serve!

Celebrate and Serve!

Pastor Mike

January

BIRTHDAYS

May you have a special day
and a blessed year!

1 – Doris Halverson	18 - Nancy Fick
2 – Kaylene Nielsen	20 – Kristen Mandelkow
4 – John Beaström	21 – Molly Langer
5 – Larry Gerdes	22 – Madelyn Nielsen
6 – Austin Langer	24 – Preston Sears
6 – Jacob Willenbring	26 – Avery Alms
8 - Carol Peterson	26 - Ann Whipple
12 – Andrea Esterby	27 – Taylor Bierbrauer
12 - Heather Brown	30 – Stephanie Potts
13 – Carley Albarado	30 - Diane Hines
14 – Kimberly O'Reilly	31 - Bev Peterson
16 – Savanna Hoyer	
16 - Leah Johnson	

If your birthday doesn't appear on our
monthly birthday calendars, please let Phyllis
know so it can be added.

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun Jan 1 10:30 a.m. Joint worship at Eidsvold

Jan—Feb worship schedule:

9 a.m. at Bethlehem; 10:30 a.m. at Eidsvold

Mar-Apr worship schedule

9 a.m. at Eidsvold 10:30 a.m. at Bethlehem

Feb 22 - Ash Wednesday

Mar 11 - Walking Together, Bethany Luth. Rice Lake

April 2 - Palm Sunday

April 5 - 9th grade confirmation class meets

April 9 - Easter

April 29 - Synod Assembly

CARING FOR OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

Giving of our time and talents is one way of
serving our faith community. Thank you to the
following individuals who will serve this faith
community during JANUARY.

Eidsvold

Church Cleaning: Clean for date by your name

Jan 1 - DeLoris Bloomstrand
Jan 8 - Mark and Anne Girdeen family
Jan 15 - Molly and Austin Langer
Jan 22 - Available for you
Jan 29 - Available for you

Ushers 2 each week

**distribute bulletins, count & write attendance
on calendar, receive offering**

Jan 1 - Dodee Bloomstrand & ?
Jan 8 - Mark & Anne Girdeen Family
Jan 15 - Available for you ?
Jan 22 - Rita Anderson & ?
Jan 29 - Available for you ?

If you would like FM transmission to your car,
please notify Alvin or an usher. Directions for
setting up FM transmission are with the trans-
mitter.

Altar Committee— Kathy Sears

Set up communion for altar distribution as well as
prepared chalices on platter, and clean up.

Altar Colors this month: White Jan 1, 8

Green rest of January

READERS:

Jan 1 – Justin Mandelkow
Jan 8 - Judy Lacroix
Jan 15 - Dodee Bloomstrand
Jan 22 - Fay Albarado
Jan 29 - Brenda Singer

Bethlehem

Altar Guild: Pam Johnson

Church cleaning: Eric and Leah Johnson

Readers:

Jan 1 - Joint service at Eidsvold
Jan 8 - Pam Johnson
Jan 15 - John Beaström
Jan 22 - Ann Whipple
Jan 29 - Leah Johnson



Love. Grow. Serve.

SYNOD EVENTS

For young adults, high school youth, and adults



Service Leadership Trip for adults 18-30 March 18-25 Albuquerque, NM

Learn from the Pueblo and immigrant community in Albuquerque and join in the work of food bank and community garden ministries, home building, and accessibility organizations. \$250—only 7 spots left



Youth in Advocacy Retreat

April 14-16 in Madison
High School Youth

YOUR VOICE MATTERS

At this retreat you'll talk about faith and social justice, share stories & experiences, hear great speakers and musicians. Hosted by Lutheran Office of Public Policies in WI and the 6 Synods of WI and Upper Michigan. More information coming soon!

JOURNEY—the High School Youth Gathering will be July 24-27, 2023 at UW River Falls. Put this date on your calendar!



GROUP TRIP to the Holy Land with Bishop Laurie Skow-Anderson January 8-17, 2024 with an optional 3 day additional trip to Jordan. Check NW Synod of WI website for details.

Communion Bread Maker

Are there one or two people or more willing to make the communion bread for Eidsvold? The recipe will be shared. I hope someone steps up to this challenge - otherwise wafers will be ordered for Eidsvold. Email beastrom@redwing.net or call or text 715-821-5847

ANNUAL MEETINGS



Congregation Annual meetings will be held later this month. This is **YOUR** opportunity to hear about the ministry and activities of the congregation and to offer your voice regarding the life of the congregation. Election of officers for the congregation, budget decisions, and ongoing conversations with Bethlehem-Eidsvold and Svea are some of the agenda items.

Reports for the annual meeting packet are due on the Monday prior to the meeting to

tracie.esterby@gmail.com or
beastrom@redwing.net

January 15 - Bethlehem Annual Meeting, at noon.

January 22 - Eidsvold Annual Meeting immediately following worship.

PARISH SECRETARY

Tracie Esterby has been transitioning to parish secretary for past couple of months. She's starting with the Eidsvold bulletin so send her items for the bulletin, prayer requests, annual reports, and newsletter items.

Tracie.esterby@gmail.com

Phone or text 651-380-2212

Preparing for Election of NW Synod Bishop 2024

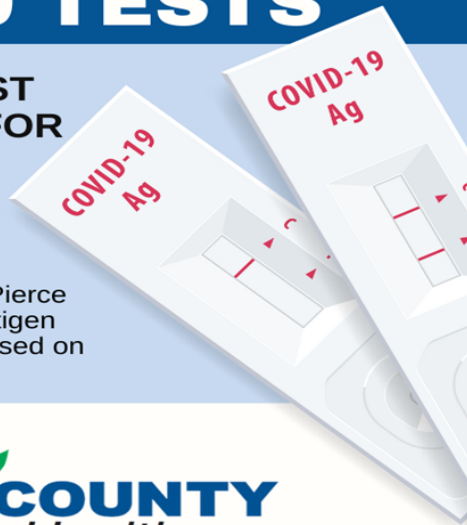
Congregations in the NW Synod of WI received a letter in October with proposed constitutional changes revising the process for the election of bishop. These constitutional changes must be discussed and adopted at the April 29, 2023 Synod Assembly in preparation for the bishop's election at the 2024 Synod Assembly.

The April 29, 2023 synod assembly will be held at Bethany Lutheran, Rice Lake.

FREE AT HOME COVID-19 TESTS

COVID-19 AT HOME TEST KITS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICK-UP IN OUR ELLSWORTH AND RIVER FALLS OFFICES.

Kits are available to all residents of Pierce County. Each kit contains 2 rapid antigen tests, 1 kit per person. Test can be used on anyone age 2 and older.



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PIERCE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE ON COVID 19

The number of cases have increased which is expected this time of year. They also sent reminders about some of the resources available.

Free testing kits - from WI Department of Health Services (DHS) that can be ordered online and shipped directly to your home

<https://sayyescovidhometest.org/>

A free kit can be picked up at Public Health office

FREE COVID-19 TELEHEALTH TREATMENT

Have you tested positive for COVID-19?
*lab or home test



Free consultation and prescription services for COVID-19 antiviral medications are available for all Wisconsin residents age 18+ from the comfort of home.

No insurance required.

About Antiviral Treatment

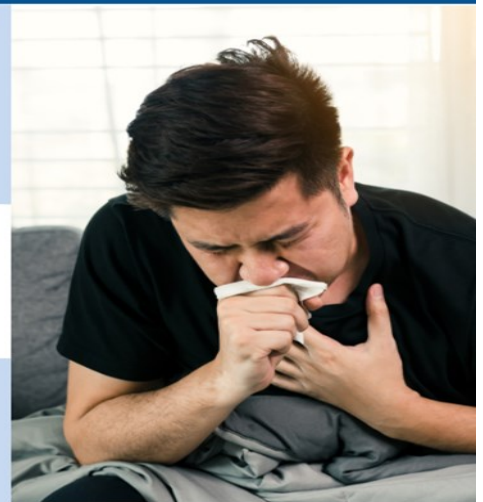
- For mild to moderate COVID-19
- Must be within 5 days of symptom onset
- Can reduce the chance of severe disease and prevent hospitalization



How telehealth visit works

- Clinicians are available 8am - 8pm daily
- No computer or smartphone required
- Have a list of medications, vitamins, and supplements you are taking available for discussion
- Call **833-273-6330** or visit color.com/covid-19-treatment-wi
- If prescribed, pick up at local pharmacy or have it overnight mailed to your home

If you are experiencing a medical emergency please dial 911.



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Treatments are available for people with mild to moderate symptoms, people in the hospital, and people who may not have symptoms but are at high risk for serious COVID-19 and have been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. Treatment must be started early—contact your provider.

Telehealth treatments also available.

COVID-19 Bivalent Boosters



Vaccines are available. Call 715-273-6755 to schedule a vaccine

What makes a bivalent booster different?

The bivalent booster protects you against both the original and omicron strains of COVID-19

To be eligible for the bivalent booster, you must:

- Be 6 months* of age or older
- Have completed your primary series AND
- Have waited at least 2 months since receiving your last COVID-19 vaccine

*Individuals 5 years and under contact primary care provider

If it has been more than 2 months since your last regular COVID-19 vaccine or booster, it is time for a bivalent booster to have the best protection against severe illness this winter!



Make an appointment today!



SCAN ME

or visit: <https://piercecountycovid19.vaccine.as.me/>

or call: 715-273-6755

Vaccine: Moderna bivalent for ages 6 and up

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The location for

Ruby's Pantry has changed for the winter months to Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services at junction of Highway 10 & 63 west of Ellsworth. It will be inside and you drive through to get your foods and items. Ruby's Pantry helps extend your monthly grocery budget and is open to **ANYONE.** **COST \$25 per share** and you will receive an abundance of food. If possible, bring your laundry basket to be loaded with items.

Next distribution is Saturday January 7 from 10:00—11:30.



Thank You!

To all who helped with the Ellsworth Gift Box program, purchased gifts or gift cards for the family and timely brought everything to church. You richly blessed this family for Christmas! Your cooperation was greatly appreciated.

Tracie, Anne, and Kristin

EUCHRE

Alvin and Lorna Eidem are hosting Euchre Friday, January 6, 2023 at 7 p.m. (N2114 617th St in Esdaile).



You are invited to come for fun and fellowship - to play euchre (no experience required) or just visit. Bring a snack to share and if you'd like, your own beverage. Coffee will be provided.

IN OUR PRAYERS



Bob Mandelkow, Gerry Hoffman, Lee Langer, Jim Larson, Jack Hartman, Elliot Kuesel, Kathy Hanson, Randy Smeltzer, Doris Halverson

Women of the Parish

Our January-April Bible Study from Gather examines how the commandments still speak to the challenges of our world today and actively promote the health and life of others and ourselves. We will meet Thursday January 19 at 1:30 at Eidsvold to discuss commandments 1 & 2 (if weather cooperates)!

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January Events at the Senior Center

Tuesday, January 11 11:00 a.m. We'll be taking a virtual walking tour of San Jose, the capital of Costa Rica. We'll learn about history, culture, traditions, medicinal plants, music, food, and how Costa Ricans live. Light lunch will follow.

Wednesday January 25 1:30 p.m. The Ellsworth High School Vocal Jazz Group will entertain. Cake and ice cream will be served.

OFFERINGS MAY BE MAILED TO:

Eidsvold:	Bethlehem
Eidsvold Lutheran Church	Janice Kearns
W6111 County Rd EE	PO Box 724
Bay City WI 54723	Ellsworth WI 54011

Check out our parish website & Facebook

Worship times will also be posted on these.

<https://www.bethlehemeidsvoldchurches.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/Bethlehem.Eidsvold>